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SUBJECT: PRO-ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS KARACHI

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1. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW PRO-ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS OCTOBER 10, 11, AND 12 IN KARACHI, SOME OF THEM WITH ANTI-AMERICAN CONTENT. FOR THE MOST PART, THEY HAVE BEEN MILD IN TONE, AND RATHER EASILY CONTAINED BY KARACHI POLICE, WHO ADVISE US THEY HAVE STRICT ORDERS NOT TO LET DEMONSTRATORS NEAR CONGEN BUILDING. IN FACT, POLICE, AT OWN INITIATIVE, RE-INFORCYJ CONTINGENT AT CONGEN BUILDING 9 OCTOBER AND AT ONE POINT 12 OCTOBER, WHEN STUDENT PROCESSION EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO COME TO CONGEN BUILDING, POLICE CONTINGENT AS LARGE AS 40 CONSTABLES AND OFFICERS CAMPED AT CONGEN BUILDING.

2. FIRST KARACHI DEMONSTRATION WAS AFTERNOON 10 OCTOBER BY TEHRIK-I-ISTIQLAL KARACHI BRANCH, COMPRISING ONLY
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11 DEMONSTRATORS WHO WERE PROMPTLY PICKED UP BY POLICE

FOR VIOLATING SECTION 144. SAME EVENING STUDENTS OF
DOW MEDICAL COLLEGE DEMONSTRATED BRIEFLY.

3. ONLY DEMONSTRATION 11 OCTOBER WAS 20-25 MEMBERS OF
JINNAH STUDENT FEDERATION WHO SHOUTED SLOGANS ABOUT HALF
AND HALF ANTI-ISRAELI, ANTI-U.S. GROUP WANTED TO PROCEED
TO U.S. CONGEN BUT WAS PREVENTED BY POLICE.

4. MORNING OCTOBER 12 LARGE GROUP SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS
FROM POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN SITE INDUSTRIAL AREA
ASSEMBLED NEARBY SADDAR DISTRICT AND SIGNIFIED INTENTION MARCHING
ON U.S. CONGEN. THIS IS ONLY GROUP THAT HAD APPARENTLY NOT
RPT NOT SIGNALLED ITS INTENTIONS IN ADVANCE AND POLICE SOMEWHAT
TAKEN BY SURPRISE, BUT ARRIVED IN STRENGTH WITHIN HOUR AND
CONTAINED GROUP FOUR BLOCKS FROM CONGEN BEFORE DISPERSING IT.

5. AFTERNOON OCTOBER 12 TWO GROUPS OF ABOUT 100 EACH HELD
PROCESSIONS: JI-AFFILIATED STUDENT GROUP HAD TO BE STOPPED
BY POLICE FROM APPROACHING CONGEN; AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY
COMMITTEE DISPERSED OF ITS OWN ACCORD SOME DISTANCE FROM
CONGEN BUILDING.

6. COMMENT: AS IN LAHORE NO DOUBT POLICE CARRYING OUT
STRICT ORDERS KEEP DEMONSTRATORS AWAY FROM U.S.
INSTALLATIONS. HOWEVER ESTIMATE THAT VARIOUS GROUPS WILL
KEEP TRYING AND MAY BECOME MORE DETERMINED AS MIDDLE EAST
WAR DRAGS ON, ESPECIALLY IF TIDE TURNS DECISIVELY AGAINST
ARABS AND NEWS MEDIA CONTINUE PLAYING UP ALLEGATIONS OF U.S.
SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL.
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